

Curriculum Vitae

Personal

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Date of birth: 27.10.58

Place of birth: Israel

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Education

Ph.D. *Cum Laude*

1985-1990 - Neurobiology, Bar-Ilan University

Thesis: Effect of various physiological and pathological conditions on brain functions in newborn dogs.

Supervisor: Prof. Avram Mayevsky.

M.Sc. 1982-1983 - Physiology, Bar-Ilan University

Thesis: Development of cultured skeletal muscle cells in a chemically defined medium.

Supervisor: Prof. Sanford B. Sampson.

B.Sc. 1979-1981 - Biology - Biochemistry, Bar-Ilan University

Academic and personal experience

2000-present: VP Product Research and Development, Proneuron Biotechnologies Inc.

In charge of:

- Research and development of cellular therapy for acute spinal cord injury. This product was in Phase II clinical development under FDA regulations.
- Research and development of therapeutic vaccines to treat neurodegenerative diseases.
- Writing and maintenance of Patents
- Member of upper management, determining company strategy and use of company resources to obtain strategic goals.

1993-2000: Assistant staff scientist.

Department of Neurobiology, Weizmann Institute of Science.

Research subject: "Physiological and immunological aspects of post-traumatic neuronal survival and regeneration".

1990- 1993: Postdoctoral fellow.

Department of Neurobiology, Weizmann Institute of Science.

Research subject: "Physiological aspects of post-traumatic neuronal survival".

1982-1989: Instructor in Biochemistry, General Physiology and Neurophysiology.

Department of Life-Science, Bar-Ilan University.

Peer-reviewed publications or manuscripts in press (in chronological order).

1. Yaniv Ziv, Arseny Finkelstein, Yona Geffen, Jonathan Kipnis, Igor Smirnov, Suzi Shpilman, Irena Vertkin, Michal Kimron, Aya Lange, Torsten Hecht, Klaus G. Reyman, Jonathan B. Marder, Michal Schwartz and Eti Yoles. A novel immune-based therapy for stroke induces neuroprotection and supports neurogenesis. *Stroke*. in press
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3. Knoller N, Auerbach G, Fulga V, Zelig G, Attias J, Bakimer R, Marder JB, Yoles E, Belkin M, Schwartz M, Hadani M. Clinical experience using incubated autologous macrophages as a treatment for complete spinal cord injury: phase I study results. *J Neurosurg Spine*. 2005 Sep;3(3):173-81.
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10. WoldeMussie E, Yoles E, Schwartz M, Ruiz G, Wheeler LA. Neuroprotective effect of memantine in different retinal injury models in rats. *J Glaucoma*. 2002 Dec;11(6):474-80.
11. Schori H, Yoles E, Wheeler LA, Raveh T, Kimchi A, Schwartz M. Immune-related mechanisms participating in resistance and susceptibility to glutamate toxicity. *Eur J Neurosci*. 2002 Aug;16(4):557-64.
12. Kipnis J, Mizrahi T, Yoles E, Ben-Nun A, Schwartz M. Myelin specific Th1 cells are necessary for post-traumatic protective autoimmunity. *J Neuroimmunol*. 2002 Sep;130(1-2):78-85.
13. Bakalash S, Kipnis J, Yoles E, Schwartz M. Resistance of retinal ganglion cells to an increase in intraocular pressure is immune-dependent. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci*. 2002 Aug;43(8):2648-53.
14. Friedmann I, Hauben E, Yoles E, Kardash L, Schwartz M. T cell-mediated neuroprotection involves antithrombin activity. *J Neuroimmunol*. 2001 Dec 3;121(1-2):12-21.
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